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**DATE:** February 20, 2009

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
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**SUBJECT:** Scotts -Peanut Recall

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Peanut Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in the State of Indiana. Scotts ("the Company") has requested that its retailers, distributors and sub-distributors recall the affected products, using proper recall notifications, and remove these products from retail shelves or warehouses, and return them to the Company. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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## ***Ongoing Issues Regarding Peanut Corporation of America Result in Scotts Voluntarily Recalling Five Wild Bird Food Suet Products That May Contain PCA Peanut Meal***

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- Marysville, Ohio -- February 16, 2009 -- The Scotts Company LLC announced today that it is voluntarily recalling specific lots of five varieties of suet wild bird food products after learning those products may contain peanut meal purchased from the Peanut Corporation of America's (PCA) plant in Blakely, Georgia, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

*Salmonella* can affect animals and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated bird seed and/or pet food products. People handling wild bird food can become infected with *Salmonella*, especially if they have not

thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the product or any surfaces exposed to these products. Healthy people infected with *Salmonella* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, *Salmonella* can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Scotts ("the Company") has requested that its retailers, distributors and sub-distributors recall the affected products, using proper recall notifications, and remove these products from retail shelves or warehouses, and return them to the Company. In addition, the Company also is requesting that those parties that sell the affected products to consumers not only advise those consumers of the recall, but also tell them to throw the product away, avoid touching unsealed product with bare hands, and wash their hands thoroughly after touching unsealed product.

Scotts has not received any reports of illness involving its products that may contain the PCA peanut meal, and it is no longer using any products from the Blakely facility. Nonetheless, as a precautionary measure, Scotts is recalling the following five products with the specific manufacturing date codes below that were manufactured between December 27, 2008 and January 17, 2009:

| Product Description   | UPC #           | Recalled Lot/Manufacturing Date Code   |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Morning Song Nutty Safari Suet<br>11 oz.                                      | 0-86155-01110-8 | 12-27-08<br>12-29-08<br>12-30-08<br>01-17-09   |
| Morning Song Woodpecker Suet 3 Pack<br>1.78 lbs.                              | 0-86155-22348-8 | 01-12-09   |
| Royal Wing Raisin Suet<br>11.75 oz.   | 7-49394-00336-4 | 01-05-09<br>01-07-09   |
| Morning Melodies Variety Suet 3 CT<br>962g (33.75 oz.)                        | 0-86155-22124-8 | 12-29-08<br>01-07-09<br>01-08-09   |
| Morning Song Variety 15 Pack Suet<br>Multi-pack with 15 suets and suet feeder | 0-86155-22291-7 | 12-27-08<br>12-29-08<br>01-05-09<br>01-09-09<br>01-12-09<br>01-13-09<br>01-16-09<br>01-17-09 |

Scotts "No Quibble" guarantee highlights the Company's commitment to quality and satisfaction. To receive a replacement product or refund for any of these affected products, consumers can contact Scotts customer service department at 1-866-512-8876 or at [www.scottswildbirdfood.com](http://www.scottswildbirdfood.com) or [www.scotts.com](http://www.scotts.com).

The Scotts Company LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. Less than \$500,000 of revenue, or about 0.5 percent of the Company's sales generated from its bird food business, is affected by the recall. The recall is not expected to impact the financial results of ScottsMiracle-Gro in fiscal 2009, during which it expects to generate sales of more than \$3 billion. Further, the Company is analyzing possible legal recourse against PCA, its insurers and others to recover the costs associated with the recall.